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# HONOUR BOARD



This year has seen the completion of the project to recognise the Old Boy recipients of Order of Australia awards, with the unveiling of the honour board to commemorate Old Boy

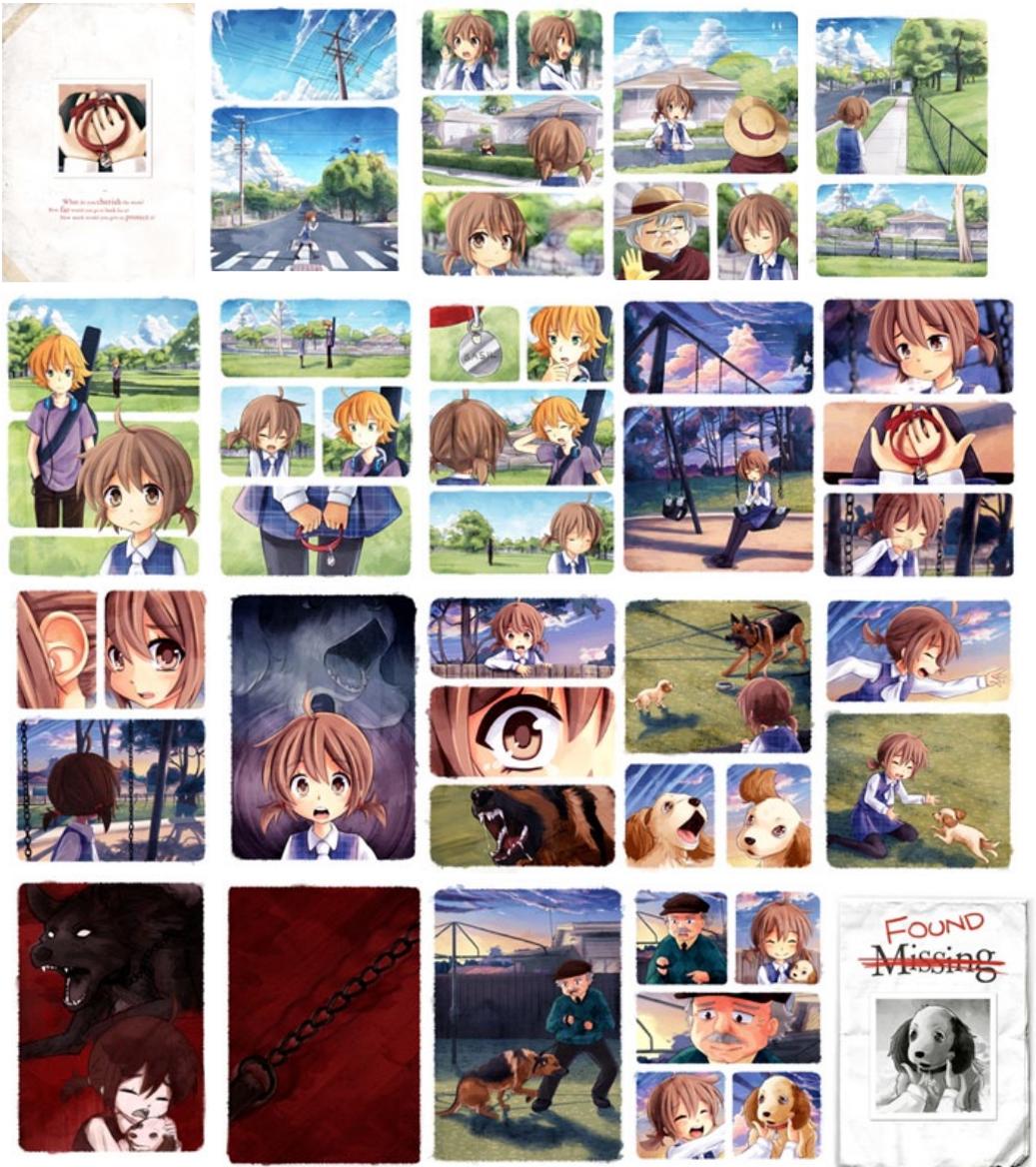
Companions of the Order of Australia (AC) at the Foundation Day assembly. It joins the other honour boards recognising old boy OAMs, AMs and OAs that were unveiled in the Killip Wing.

# CLASS OF 1961 REUNION



*The Class of 61 returned fifty years later to the Great Hall for their Reunion. Many travelled from overseas to share stories and returned the following day to attend the Foundation Day Assembly and the Order of Australia Honour Board unveiling.*

# ART EXPRESS



Joseph Liu was nominated for Art Express for his digitally created graphic story "Missing". Inspired by Shaun Tan, Joseph inspired students with his mastery of this medium and touching story. He will be back in 2012 to mentor students wishing to develop skills in this art form.

# COMMUNITY SERVICE



*William Zhou and Sooraj Prakash*

Over 2011 the Sydney Boys High Community Service Committee 2011 raised an extraordinary \$118 811 through a diverse range of carefully planned events. The World's Greatest Shave amassed \$3200 for the Leukaemia Foundation. The joint SBHS-SGHS UNICEF Day for Change generated \$5000 with substantial help from the Islamic Society of Sydney Boys High. Our Red Cross Blood Drives saved over three hundred lives. The Ramen for Japan and Stewart House Donation initiatives were successful.

The developing relationship with the Cleveland Street Intensive English High School has been a particular highlight, with

our Convo@Clevo program attracting over sixty senior student volunteers who visit their school every Friday morning, on a rotational basis, as mentors/conversationalists. Cleveland Street Intensive English High School attended our Harmony Day and UNICEF events. Several of us participated in their Harmony Day celebrations, which showcased their multiculturalism on stage. Alongside this have been two new programs introduced this year: Bourke St Buddies-supporting our local primary school students and Kidzone-assisting young residents with homework at Vincentian House, a nearby St Vincent de Paul crisis accommodation facility.

# MUSIC HIGHLIGHTS

SBHS Music students were recognised for their outstanding musicianship with the following Encore nominations for 2011: Jesse Chen (Year 12), Daryl Fong (Year 11), Michael Phung (Year 12), Wen Jia Liu (Year 12), Ennes Mehmedbasic (Year 11), Marcell Rosza (Year 12) and Charles Wu (Year 12).

The Sydney Boys High Senior Strings, conducted by Rebecca Irwin, were asked to perform at the retirement of Dr Miraca U.

M. Gross, the Professor of Gifted Education in UNSW's School of Education as well as Director of GERRIC. The Sydney Boys High Senior Strings was also awarded second prize in the Secondary School String Ensemble event at the Sydney Eisteddfod.

The Sydney Boys High Marching Band placed second in the RSL ANZAC Day March Band competition – Junior Brass & Concert section.



Ennes Mehmedbasic played his Encore nominated piece at the Music Awards Assembly. The guest speaker, retired judge and composer, was so impressed with Ennes' performance he invited him to record his new composition, an extraordinary opportunity for a musician so young.



# VOLLEYBALL GLORY



The Australian Volleyball Schools Cup was a phenomenal experience for the Sydney High 16s Volleyball team. Our team, consisting of Yu Peng Man, Kevin Lu, Jason Garret, Samuel Phillis, Gordon Qin, Byron Chen, Jason Le, Pinyan Gao, Shawn Noronha and Coach Ritam Mitra, trained hard throughout the volleyball season and played fiercely during the tournament. After five days of gruelling volleyball where we played a total of nine games, our training and hard work paid off when we won the gold medal and were crowned the undefeated 16s Boys Division 2 Australian Volleyball Schools Cup Champions, only dropping three sets the whole tournament!

In addition, our High volleyball teams were GPS champions again in 2011. High won gold medals at the NSW All Schools in U14, U15, U16 and

Open divisions. The U15s were tenacious in their approach to the GPS games winning the majority of their matches against Grammar. But by a whisker, the standout performance was probably the Under 14s nail biting victory over Kelso in the gold medal playoff for the U15 division of the NSW All Schools. Not only did the boys show a steely resolve, they were playing up an age division.

Chris Morrow was selected for the NSW CHS team (for the third year). Chris was also selected in the AIS Junior Development squad and the Australian U19 team to tour Thailand. Amandeep Dhaliwal was selected in the Australian U17 All Stars 7. This team represents the seven best junior volleyballers in Australia.

# BASKETBALL TRIUMPH



The stands were packed with supporters and spectators watching the two competition favourites battle it out when Sydney Boys High School defeated the invitational team, the Chinese under 17 National side, at the recent Australian All Schools National Championships. Sydney High has been awarded the Champion Basketball School of Australia for the second year in a row making High one of only three schools to have ever achieved this in history.

The Chinese team sported very fast aggressive guards and very tall, lanky forwards (the tallest at 215cm). SBHS was able to penetrate the Chinese defence and minimise their scoring threats. The SBHS lead slowly increased by each quarter and eventually surpassed China. A mixture of individual talent and teamwork ensured the back to back championship.



# HIGHLIGHTS

Our Year 11, 2nd grade GPS debating team completed the season undefeated to become GPS Champions. In early September they had a victory in the Karl Cramp PDC Competition final - the 14th time in the history of the competition that a High team has won.

Robert Sternhell, Julian Edgton, Christopher Chiam and Suman Prusty, successfully opposed the proposition "that we should refuse to fund schools which teach Intelligent Design".



*Robert Sternhell*



*Julian Edgton*



*Christopher Chiam*



*Suman Prusty*

At the Philosothon competition at Ascham in September, medals were won by Kushaal Vyas (Year 10) "Best Philosophical Engagement" and Robert Sternhell (Year 11) "Best Contribution to Discussion".

Adam Booth (Year 11) won the 4000m at the NSW Little Athletics State Cross Country and Road Walks.

Wesley Beare's (Year 8) short story, 'Creepy Midnight' was awarded a 'highly commended' at the Sydney Writers Festival 'Write Now!' Competition.

Lloyd Perris (Year 11) was selected to go to the AIS for AFL. He was the only U16/U17 in NSW to make it.



*Kushaal Vyas*



*Wesley Beare*



*Adam Booth*



*Lloyd Perris*

# REMEMBRANCE DAY



The Remembrance Day Ceremony is attended by the whole school. History students share their insights about war time experiences. The Cadets perform a guard of honour. It is always a poignant event on the school calendar.

# FOUNDATION DAY

*The Prefects elect are sworn in by School Captain Ben Wilcox.*



# HIGHLIGHTS

At the CHS Athletics Carnival in mid September, Ivor Metcalf (Year 10) won four gold medals: long jump, triple jump, high jump, 110m hurdles. Chris Morrow (Year 12) won silver in Opens high jump and a bronze

in long jump. Adam Booth (Year 11) won silver in the 2000m steeplechase. Our 14 Years 4x100m relay team was third in a time of 48.0 seconds.



Kenny Lau and Ankur Paul (Year 11) earned High Distinctions in the Australian Chemistry Olympiad Qualifying examination. Ankur was invited to join the train-on squad at ANU in January. Ankur also received a High Distinction in the Physics Olympiad Qualifying examination.

In the UNSW Economics Competition our students were awarded 14 prizes and Jamieson Tsai (Year 11) won a national prize.

In the UNSW Business Studies Competition High boys won 27 prizes with Jonathan Adhika and Kenny Lau (Year 11) receiving state prizes.



*Kenny Lau*



*Ankur Paul*



*Jamieson Tsai*



*Jonathan Adhika*

# HIGHLIGHTS

*Christopher Chiam (Year 11) won the Classical Greek Reading Competition final held at SGS in August.*



*Christopher Chiam*

*Shaun Fletcher (Year 11) won an award for Japanese Continuers Preliminary at the Open High School.*



*Shaun Fletcher*

The 2011 First and Second Eleven visited the Sydney Football Stadium for a Cricket Camp. Highlights included a tour of the stadium and behind the scenes such as the Change Rooms. Former and current

cricketers for the Australian Team, Mike Whitney and Usman Khawaja, inspired us with their motivational speeches on many aspects of life. The tour was organised by Laurie Heil and Barry Davison.



# ORDER OF AUSTRALIA



*Andrew Gaffney (Year 12) was announced as recipient of the Order of Australia Youth Volunteering Award*